

**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

**Examining Group 1661**

Application No. 09/880,950

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**REMARKS**

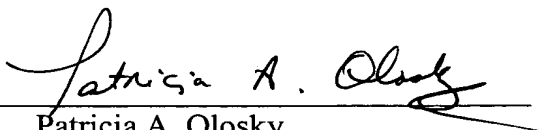
The disclosure is objected to and the claim stands rejected pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.163(a) and under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicant believes that the amendments made to the specification specifically address the Examiner's objections detailed in Paragraphs G and H on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Information requested in Paragraphs K and M-O is not available as no fruit or blooms are present on the rootstocks at this time. Further, only one year old rootstocks are currently in the possession of the Applicant, thus further lenticel information is not available as lenticels are not present until the rootstocks have further matured. Additionally, the Applicant wishes to delete the color coding sheet at this time. Withdrawal of the objection and reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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